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Labor Council to elect new secretary June 5

from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

UNIONS & CHINATOWN

Ninety years or so ago, San Francisco's young labor movement opposed the Chinese. Imported by the railroads as cheap labor, this minority group later threatened to underbid whites for more desirable jobs in the city.

Over the years, organized labor generally stayed out of Chinatown, which was almost entirely non-union — including its famous restaurants — until two or three years ago.

Then, faced with the threat Chinatown sweatshops created for union clothing firms and their employees, the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union gained a major foothold.

Now the San Francisco Labor Council is planning a drive to unionize other industries in Chinatown.

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HEAVEN ON EARTH

More than a month after the original announcement of the drive appeared in San Francisco Labor, the Examiner ran a story quoting Chinatown leaders. They told why they did not want unions.

Especially amusing was a statement attributed to Jack Lee Wong, Chinatown contractor and — believe it or not — poverty board member.

He contended that factories in the Chinese ghetto are actually semi-recreational facilities, where older people who work in them have daily tea klatches and otherwise enjoy their waning years.

Quoting Wong directly, the Examiner's Harry Johanesen said:

"Many of the garment workers are over 70 years old. They are not going to the factories to earn wages. They bring their grandchildren and go to enjoy the social aspects. It would open the eyes of many people to see what these garment factories really are like."

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MISSING SOMETHING?

Perhaps our large industrial unions have been missing something. Very few of their members look upon their jobs as recreation. And when they get old, they are only too happy to retire—on union-won pensions.

As long as they have to work, they'd just as soon have the union wage. And if they could get more, they would. For factory work is drudgery, wearing down the brain and the soul — for everybody except the Chinese-Americans, it would appear.

Maybe the Auto Workers, Steelworkers, Rubber Workers, et. al., should ask contractor Wong how to turn work into play, as they do in Chinatown.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 6 of this issue of the Journal.

BTC to work for integrated Acorn Project

The Building Trades Council stressed its aim of actively promoting a racially and ethnically integrated community in the Acorn Redevelopment Area, in a resolution adopted Tuesday night.

The resolution, as well as an outline of a plan to achieve this goal, was presented before the Oakland Redevelopment Agency Wednesday morning by J. L. Childers, the council's business representative.

The "Outline of a Plan to Produce a Racially and Ethnically Integrated Community in the Acorn Redevelopment Area" was also approved by the council's delegates.

The plan opposed any proposal to "recruit" people to live in the residential units in the Acorn Redevelopment Project, which the Building Trades Council is sponsoring.

It called for wide publicity at the proper time to encourage a large number of applicants, however, followed by careful selection of tenants to produce an attractive community.

"Selection of tenants, which shall in no manner discriminate because of race, color or creed, will discriminate on the basis of the individual's ability and record of rent payments, upkeep of former properties, ability to get along with neighbors, interest in community affairs as well as FHA income and occupancy requirements," the council said.

COMPLIANCE CONFERENCE

Childers read a letter from the General and Specialty Contractors Association, a Negro group planning an all-day conference in Berkeley May 20 to promote compliance with anti-discrimination requirements on federal construction projects.

He reported it was the consensus of the BTC's Executive Board that as many union representatives as possible should attend the meeting. The letter said the "voice of labor is important to the success" of the conference and urged participation.

The conference is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the 20th at the Berkeley High School West Campus.

Childers urged business agents of Building Trades Council affiliates to attend and make clear their side of the controversy on hiring practices in construction. In its resolution, the council stressed its "long record of nondiscrimination in organizing."



NAILING SIDING on the building of the Cerebral Palsy Association of Alameda County at 4500 Lincoln Ave., Oakland, are three youths from the Central Labor Council's Work Experience and Training Program, which is now getting into full swing. The youths, from the crew of foreman Thurston Castain of Carpenters 36, are, from left, Joe Smith, Don Hardin, Donald Greer.

Guidelines to help Negro apprentices

The California Apprenticeship Council has adopted guidelines for joint apprenticeship programs which will standardize procedures and assure a fairer break for minority group members.

The guidelines, adopted at the council's quarterly meeting held in Oakland last weekend, include a provision for appeal of a decision by a local joint committee.

Appeals can be made within 90 days to the state administrator of apprenticeship—who is also the director of the State Department of Industrial Relations.

The guidelines adopted by the council have the force of law.

Other guidelines will:

- Make fair opportunity the official policy of the California Apprenticeship Council and require joint apprenticeship committees to disseminate information about apprenticeship openings.

(Equal opportunity has been the administrative policy of the State Department of Industrial Relations since a 1965 directive, but the policy now has the effect of law because of its adoption by the CAC).

- Require periodic review of apprenticeship programs to assure compliance.
- Make it mandatory for written selection procedures to be

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Nominations will be held on May 22

Nominations for a new executive secretary-treasurer of the Central Labor Council, to succeed retiring Robert S. Ash, will be held May 22.

The election will be at the June 5 meeting of the council. There will be no meeting May 29 because the following day is a holiday.

The schedule was adopted by council delegates this week upon Ash's recommendation.

Ash is retiring July 1 after nearly 24 years as secretary of the council.

CAMP PARKS DISPUTE

Executive Assistant Secretary Richard K. Groulx reported that Robert K. Branson, director of the Camp Parks Job Corps Center, is still violating labor relations guidelines of the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity.

Groulx charged Branson "put letters of reprimand in Teachers' folders" after they were active in formation of the new union, Camp Parks Federation of Teachers 1735.

In addition, Branson is still denying Local 1735 the right to meet at the Job Corps center after hours and has refused to meet with union negotiators if "outside" labor representatives are there, Groulx charged.

Groulx said this presumably includes himself and Abe Newman, executive secretary of the Bay Area Council of Teachers.

He added Branson was doing these things despite a letter from the assistant director of the Office of Economic Opportunity to Litton Industries, contractor for the Job Corps center.

Ash announced that the council had received a notice about

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Upholsterers win at Security

Upholsterers 28 has won a hard-fought election to represent production workers at Security Parachute Co., Washington avenue and West 141st street, San Leandro.

The vote in the National Labor Relations Board election was 90 for Local 28, 82 for no union, and one challenged ballot. Voting was held last Thursday, April 27.

A meeting for workers at the plant will be held at 11:30 Saturday at The Straw Hat, 14680 Washington Ave., San Leandro. Plans to proceed with formation of the union in the plant and proposals for a union contract will be discussed.

Local 28 Business Representative John Silva said it is hoped that contract talks can start in about 10 days.

TALKS TO START

Leading the unionization campaign, in addition to Silva, were Trinidad Flores, international organizer for the Upholsterers, and Wray Jacobs, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council.

HOW TO BUY

Can you find the turkey in it?

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

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Mrs. Robert Stickler is fighting mad!

So are Mrs. Eugene Shilts, Everett Teske and a number of other readers who have complained of the quality of many processed foods they have bought.

"I bought a package of frozen "Gravy & Sliced Turkey,' weight two pounds, for $1.49. When this was baked and ready to eat, there were about four cups of gravy and not enough turkey to serve one person, and there were four of us. For 75 cents a pound, I would expect a fairly good serving of meat," Mrs. Stickler said.

Mrs. Shilts has a beef, too: a sample of luncheon meet, which arrived smelling very strong. She sent it to us. We would urge readers to send such samples to the manufacturers or supermarkets instead of us.

"The only way I can make ends meet is to buy good quality products," Mrs. Shilts writes. "When I pay a dollar out for food, I expect my dollar's worth. We use lunch meat a couple of times a week because I have a son in school, and my husband takes lunches.

"Most of the time lunch meat is loaded with fat, and it contents are strong tasting. Most families buy lunch meat. Do they all get beat with plastic wrappers, extra casings, all kinds of fat and pickles and olives to add to the weight?"

Mr. Teske's experience is equally revealing:

"I bought this jar of strawberry preserves. When I used it, there were only six strawberries on top. The rest—about three-quarters of the jar—was nothing but strawberry jello."

WHAT OUR INDIGNANT friends do not understand — along with almost 200,000,000 other Americans — is the subtle labeling permitted by our laws and the U.S. Agriculture Department. The rules are so subtle they permit all kinds of foolery and waste in the sale of modern ready-to-serve foods.

In the case of the "Gravy & Sliced Turkey," the fact that the word "gravy" comes first means there is more gravy than turkey. Moreover, if Mrs. Stickler had read the list of ingredients in fine print (food labels are getting as bad as insurance policies), she would have seen that under "gravy," the first item listed is water. This means that water is the leading ingredient in the gravy.

The other ingredients, in order of importance, are starch, flour, salt, vegetable fat, chicken fat, turkey giblets, various flavorings and caramel color.

Who needs to pay $1.49 for this concoction of cheap fillers?

The picture on the package misled Mrs. Stickler and would mislead me, too. It shows six good sized slices of turkey and a small bowl of thick gravy with noticeable chunks of giblets floating on top. In reality, the fine print list of ingredients shows that there is not as much giblets as salt.

Then under "turkey" the label shows a separate list of ingredients: "turkey, natural juices, salt, brown sugar, sodium phosphate, hydrolized vegetables, protein, flavoring, sodium erythorbate."

While this version of "turkey" might well win the American Chemical Society's annual award for new advances in chemistry, a close reading shows how relatively little turkey there is in the two pound package.

Mr. Teske's strawberry jar label could fool, me, too.

It says: "Pure Strawberry Preserves" and underneath: "Whole strawberries . . . cooked with care to retain natural fresh taste." What that weasel wording seems to mean is that the strawberries were whole before they were cooked.

UNDER PRESENT LOOSE regulations, you have to watch the names of foods and the lists of ingredients like a hawk if you want to survive in the food processing jungle. You even have to carry in your head such subtle distinctions as the fact that a product labeled "chili con carne" is 40 per cent meat (on the fresh basis), but "chili con carne with beans" is only 25 per cent meat.

One of the most ridiculous distinctions permitted by the USDA is that a canned product labeled "Vegetables and Beef" must have at least 35 per cent beef. But one called "Vegetables with Beef" needs only 20 per cent.

As for the luncheon meat, we have warned many times that packaged cold cuts often have "water" as their second leading ingredient. The cellophane covering often helps the retailers more than the customers; it prevents the water from drying out before the package is weighed.

It cold cuts are sold in interstate commerce, they can contain no more than 10 per cent water for bolgona, franks and similar cooked sausage, and 3 per cent for luncheon meats and loaves. This is plenty of water. But cold cuts processed and sold within a state may have even more, depending on state regulations.

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What They Wore... by PHYLLIS JOYCE



Here are true interest rates

If you are told the interest is one per cent a month, the true simple annual interest rate is 22.2 per cent.

Here are some other "quoted" rates and what they really mean in true simple annual interest, as published in the Retail Clerks Advocate:

A quoted rate of $4 per $100, or 4 per cent per year, is a simple annual rate of 7.4 per cent.

A quoted rate of $6 per $100, or 6 per cent per year, is a simple annual rate of 11.1 per cent.

A quoted rate of $8 per $100, or 8 per cent per year, is a simple annual rate of 14.8 per cent.

A quoted rate of $10 per $100, or 10 per cent per year, is a simple annual rate of 18.5 per cent.

And, as explained above, a quoted rate of 1 per cent per month is really a simple annual rate of 22.2 per cent.

Here are charges on the unpaid balance of the amount borrowed in simple annual rates:

Three-fourth of one per cent per month on unpaid balance is 9 per cent simple annual rate. Five-sixths of 1 per cent per month on unpaid balance is 10 per cent simple annual rate. One per cent per month on unpaid balance is 12 per cent simple annual rate. One and one-half per cent per month on unpaid balance is 18 per cent simple annual rate.

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AFLCIO asks Congress to act

The AFLCIO Executive Council has called for action by the 90th Congress the following consumer issues:

- Truth-in-lending legislation, with dollar costs of credit and true annual interest rates stated in writing.
- Investigation of the insurance industry.
- Investigations of high food and drug prices.
- Investigations of safety and effectiveness of drugs, as well as of abuses in food, cosmetics and clothing.
- Establishment of a U.S. Department of Consumer Affairs.

Tanked

One tiger to another: "Where have you been? You smell like gasoline!" —**Railway Clerk.**

Mother's role

A suburban mother's role: To deliver children — obstetrically once, and by car forever after.— **United Mine Workers Journal.**

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Getting Your MONEY'S WORTH

IT'S USUALLY so easy to obtain credit that it can be quite a shock to be turned down for no apparent reason.

What do you do?

The May issue of Consumer Reports carries a story about a family that was so turned down by a discount store which advertised it would open charge accounts on a half hour's notice. The family said it had never, to its knowledge, been delinquent on a debt.

Consumers Union explored the situation with the Asociated Credit Bureaus of America and came up with these suggestions:

An inexplicable rejection of a credit application might result from inaccurate identification, or the withholding of payment on faulty merchandise might show on the record only as a delinquency. No matter what the reason, the action required is to get to the source of the trouble.

Suggesting that the store request an updated report (which takes longer than 30 minutes to get) is a first step, but any adverse information in your dossier will be kept secret from you by the store. Credit bureaus do not allow their clients to divulge it.

However, most bureaus will grant face-to-face interviews with consumers.

Challenged information will then be checked out, and errors will be corrected. If there has been a disagreement between a customer and a store, the credit bureau is glad to make the subject's statement a part of the record.

WHAT IF the store will not reveal the source of an adverse report?

Try to track down the credit bureau yourself, advises Consumer Reports. You may be able to identify the leading bureaus in your area by asking the Chamber of Commerce or by writing to the Associated Credit Bureaus of America, 6707 Southwest Freeway, Houston, Texas 77036.

Credit is not everyone's right. But it has become an indispensible privilege for most.

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Dr. Fong's bill to aid consumers

Oakland's freshman Asemblywoman March K. Fong (D.-15th Dist.) has introduced legislation to take the state consumer counsel's office from under the governor's wing and place it under control of the Legislature.

"I am concerned," Dr. Fong said, "that the consumers will not be represented, because the governor has virtually eliminated the counsel's office from his budget."

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Boycott by labor of Cancer Society is gaining support

Labor groups in Northern and Southern California are supporting the boycott of the American Cancer Society—whose California Division refuses union pay and conditions, and even unemployment insurance, to its San Francisco office workers.

The division, which reported its net worth last year at more than $8 million, has proposed $260-$400 monthly starting pay and "discretionary" maximum rates to be paid if management wishes.

Office and Professional Employees 3 represents the 21 Cancer Society office workers, who are not on strike but are asking labor to boycott the society until they win a satisfactory settlement.

The boycott has the sanction of the Alameda, Los Angeles, Marin and San Francisco labor councils, San Francisco Building Trades Council, Painters District Council 48 in Southern California, Oakland Culinary Alliance 31 and San Francisco-Oakland Mailers 18.

Local 31 has written the division that it had considered the Office Employees' dispute "as well as our annual donation" and voted to withhold the contribution.

Labor councils backing the boycott are asking their affiliated unions to make no Cancer donations until the dispute is settled.

Badger retires; was Cooks 228 secty. 28 years

The Executive Board of Cooks 228 has accepted with sincere regret the resignation of the union's veteran Executive Secretary-Treasurer H. J. (Hub) Badger.

Badger has been secretary-treasurer since the union was chartered, Feb. 2, 1939. Before that, he was business agent for Local 31.

In addition, Badger was a longtime treasurer of the Central Labor Council and was secretary for many years of the Local Joint Executive Board of Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders.

Jack Faber, Local 228 president, said his union was "losing a sincere, dedicated labor official."

P. L. (Pat) Sander, senior business agent, was named secretary pro-tem by Faber, and the appointment was confirmed by the Executive Board. An election will be held in June.

Faber said Badger, 63, resigned because of ill health.

Deadline is today for roofer's exam

Today is the final filing date for a California State Personnel Board examination for the position of roofer in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Vacancies now exist with the San Francisco Port Authority, and the eligible list will be used to fill other vacancies in the nine Bay Area counties.

An open written examination for the position, which has a salary range of $614-$677 a month, will be May 27.

Applications are available from the State Personel Board, 515 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, Calif. 94102, phone 557-0576, or offices of the State Department of Employment.

Council 49 officers elected to full terms at convention

James Curry, president, and other interim officers of statewide Council 49 of the AFLCIO American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees were elected to full terms ending in August, 1968, at the organization's constitutional convention in Los Angeles.

Others returned included William Dailey, vice-president, and Richard Thompson, secretary-treasurer.

PONTES ON BOARD

Several new faces will be on the Board of Directors, however, according to Rodney Larson, Council 49 director.

They included Manuel Pontes, president of East Bay Municipal Utility District Employees 444 in Oakland.

A highlight of the convention was picketing of the State Building in Los Angeles by over 300 delegates and other unionists to protest Governor Reagan's plans to cut back the number of state hospital employees.

A sidelight of the picketing was the fact that a number of new union members were signed up during it, Larson said. Pickets included busloads of state hospital unionists who made the trip to take part in the demonstration.

Resolutions adopted at the convention:

- Asked strengthening of the State Fair Employment Practices Commission.
- Opposed abolition of the Rumford Act.
- Requested a statewide union dues creckoff agreement by the University of California.
- Demanded full collective bargaining rights for public employees.
- Urged defeat of all legislation to curb the right to strike.

Speakers included: William L. Kircher, director of organization, AFLCIO; Joseph Ames, secretary - treasurer, AFSCME; Sigmund Arywitz, executive secretary-treasurer, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor; William Gilbert, director, Los Angeles-Orange Counties AFL-CIO Organizing Drive; Dolores Hureta and Larry Itliong, assistant directors, United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, and Assemblywoman Yvonne Braithwaite, (D.-Los Angeles).

Job training in L.A. under federal contract

On-the-job training in assembler and machine operator skills will be provided for 2,300 jobless workers in the Los Angeles area by a contract signed between Douglas Aircraft Co. and the U.S. Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.



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AFSCME, Local 371 'Info'

BY NAT DICKERSON

This writer, along with Brother Henry Murphy Jr., vice-president of the U. C. Employees Local 371, was a delegate to the AFSCME-AFLCIO Council 49's founding convention. The convention was held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles for three days, April 21, 22 and 23.

We believe a consensus of opinion from 109 other delegates, bearing a total of 10,582 votes from public employees of the state, would agree with the writer's: To Rod Larson, director of Council 49; James Curry, president; William Dailey, vice-president; Brothers Bob McLane and Bill McCue, area representatives; Dick Thompson, secretary-treasurer, and Odell Mack, representative, are due all respect and admiration for the enormous amount of energy and imagination it must have taken to construct such an efficient operation.

There is the problem of starting to give credit by names, for we believe the efforts of Clem Regner, International Union area director, and his staff of Brothers Joe Carpenter and Hugh Sheehan, international representatives, were just as effective and necessary as were those of the others. There are many more names which should be mentioned, but I am afraid space won't' permit.

Special kudos to Rod Larson for relieving me of the weight of my stupidity by sending my hotel reservations and for other good deeds.

We were impressed by the delegates from our **sister** local on campus, Local 1695, composed of clerical, technical and many other classes of office workers. Delegates were Marge Green, president, and Arlyce Currie, Executive Board member. They were quite militant and aggressive in their desire for action and information, as Rod Larson will attest.

The writer was fortunate (?) in being selected to serve on two committees, Credentials and FEPC, as chairman of the latter.

Our first day's sessions carried a bit of excitement through the efforts of a "greened" agent of a Great Northern Buisiness Agent—no reference to the railroad—to use bugging equipment in the convention hall. However, the alertness of Joseph L. Ames, international secretary-treasurer, and his staff exposed this dastardly attempt. The sergeant-at-arms made short shrift of his activities. Many locals which are affiliates of Local 1675 had no delegates at the convention, or if they came were not seated for lack of valid credentials.

A highlight of the day's sessions was the passing out of hundreds of copies of the East Bay Labor Journal to delegates. Apparently this was done to show the writeups given Council 49 and its affiliates by the writer. However, I did overhear a lady delegate say to another, "He probably doesn't even write that column himself."

Although there were a few rough spots, it was a really wonderful convention and experience. Lots was accomplished, and many contacts made which we hope will last.

On the first day of the convention, most of the delegates put on an informational picket line around the State Building in opposition to Governor Reagan's cutback and repressive measures. It was very successful.



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BY DAVE ARCA

Hi. An astute editor friend pleasantly suggested we're overly occupied with the opposite sex. At our age, it's a kind of compliment. At our age, too, we practice prudence. So we didn't argue. Besides, editors are superior to reporters and determine who reports what in this Labor Journal.

However, not being too bright, we still maintain men who loathe ladies lose a lot in life. Well, maybe those odd fellows aren't missing much, but then, they substitute.

Honestly, though, we're not all **that** preoccupied. It's just our 1304 meetings have all of a sudden become well attended. And with some stunning Steelworkers attending, we thought it reportable.

What the hell, feminine hands, which once rocked a cradle, now help to bring in the bread. At today's prices, and turbulent taxation, it isn't easy.

When feminine hands are employed under 1304 jurisdiction, or belong to wives of 1304 members, their interests become 1304 interests, and their problems become 1304 problems. Putting it this way, perhaps we **are** preoccupied with the opposite sex. Anyway, we wrote about ladies again. Even in the face of editor twitting. (That's not his name. Twitting is intellectual taunting.) Okay? Okay.

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Barbers 134

BY JACK M. REED

Brothers, after our meeting last Thursday night, Joe Lopez demonstrated his Hair Relaxing Style. Thanks, Joe. Twenty-seven dollars was collected on the raffle and will be used for our Joint Apprenticeship Committee program. At our regular May meeting, Agustin Paterno has volunteered to demonstrate his Hair Color Style. Sunday, May 21, is the date of the State Association Style Show in Fresno. All members are welcome to attend, and those who have not competed in the Los Angeles or San Francisco show may enter the competitions.

If you have been reading your Journeyman Barber magazine, you will note on page 6 the new program under way to train journeymen in the art of hair styling. When all the details are worked out, the course of training will be identical with the former OJT program. The cost will be $100 and will include a kit of tools with a value of $49.50. The program will have to be cleared with the State Barber Board, held in an accredited school and have a certified demonstrator as an instructor.

The pension plan now has over $5 million, and our benefits will be greater than the minimum that was originally planned. Also take note that the International has ruled that any member who owes two months or more to the pension fund will be denied his life insurance benefits; so keep your dues and pension payments up to date. I attended the California apprentice meet held at the Edgewater West last week and did a little lobbying with the Sacramento delegates on our Barber bills. One of the bills mentioned during this meet was in regard to extending from three years to five years the time an apprentice has to complete his apprenticeship. The barber college owners are trying to pass this one. I have not had a chance to study this bill, but it seems to me that it is a step backward.

642's Straight Line

BY MARVIN MARTIN

Receiving their first pension checks from the International after 330 years' continuous membership on April 1 were Brothers Ole Bergo, Herbert C. Huehn, W. H. Wehrlie and John L. Strobel. Congratulations to these brothers, who bring our total International pensioners up to 27.

The results of the referendum vote conducted on April 21 were as follows:

Proposition 1: Yes, 42; No. 25.

Proposition 2: Yes, 19; No, 48.

Sixty-seven members voted on the propositions.

At the same meeting, attendance awards went to Brothers Svend Hansen, J. R. Heck and Roy Eslinger.

The following brothers are on our sick or injured list this month, and we wish a speedy recovery to each and every one of these: Herbert Allard, Orville S. Arnold, Frank F. Beard, Louis N. Brown, Patrick Calhoun, Joe Cilione, Leland Crow, John A. Deffebach, Bill Davis, Allan F. Doran, Harry Downs, Maurice Dreger, E. W. Edwards, George Filley, L. V. Harris, John Horning, Hugh E. Maddon, Edwin Marken, Clarence B. McNabb, Theodore Pelatowski, Connie Price, Noel L. Price, Roy Richardson, Ernie Reiman, Beeler J. Rogers, Clarence Rosburg, Henry Schantz, A. N. Schmit, Perry Smith, B. B. Stewart, Thomas G. Tackett, John Tkach, Leo Torkelson, Donald Urhaussen, William Webster, Fred Weidner, Wiley Jones and Joseph Gudmundsson.

Listed on the hardship line are Brothers George Christensen, L. E. Connerley, Frank Doney, Arthur Durnal, Virgle Lawson, James H. Morris, Henry Vartman, Guy Underwood and Emanuel A. Wentz.

Brother Arthur M. Ashby came into the office to introduce his bride of a few weeks. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Nominations for all officers and business representatives of Local 642 for a period of two years will be held on May 19, 1967. Notices of same will reach all eligible members the first week in May.

A little quip from the Industrial News Review says: "If taxes go much higher, a person is going to have to work like a dog to live like one."

Then the Denver Post says, "Another reason that you can't take it with you is that it goes before you do."

NOTE:

For your own protection, it is very important that you save all of your check stubs. If there is any question regarding your fringe benefits, we have no way of checking for you without your check stubs.

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Steamfitters Local 342

BY JIM MARTIN

The 47th convention of the California Pipe Trades Council was held this past week in the city of San Diego.

One hundred and seventy-four delegates attended this three-day convention, which was highlighted by a banquet attended by some 400 delegates, their wives and invited guests. The writer had the honor of presenting to retired United Association Apprenticeship Coordinator Dan MacDonald a portable color TV at the banquet. Through the State Association officers, this gift was given to him in appreciation for services rendered to our United Association joint apprenticeship committees and local unions during his 11 years as apprenticeship coordinator.

Twelve resolutions were introduced and adopted at the convention. Speaking of resolutions, the one presented by our local union supporting the position taken by General President Schoemann in respect to the U. S. Department of Labor's directives applicable to apprenticeship training programs was not only adopted but was a topic of conversation.

The principal speakers included Mr. Hugh Murphy, administrator, U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, Washington, D.C.; Mr. Thomas Pitts, Labor Federation, AFLCIO, State of California; Mr. Bryan Deavers, president, State Building and Construction Trades Council of California; Congressman Lionel Van Deerlin, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.; United Association general officers Executive Vice President William Dodd, Third Vice President Tom Hambly, Director of Organizations Gene Bradshaw, Special Representative, Refrigeration, Charlie Voss, General Organizer Jack Spaulding and retired Organizer Archie Virtue and Dan MacDonald.

In the election of officers, Vice President Joe Mazzola, District Vice President William Francis and the writer were returned to office. C. E. Koons was elected president, and Bud Rowekamp and Paul Huffman were elected district vice presidents.

The delegates from our local union were: Lou Kovacevich, William Weber Sr., Andy Anderson, Doyle Williams, Bobby Beeson and Roy Turley, who will submit their reports to the membership in the near future.

Chips and Chatter

BY GUNNAR (BENNY) BENONYS

The Carpenter out-of-work list stands at 314 this Monday a.m.

If the good weather remains, the list should go down. Heard one member say, "Would you believe no more rain 'till October?" Hope he's right. We need lots of good weather to make up for lost work time.

I sure goofed last week. Forgot to include Brother and Sister Sims, our trustee, in the list of persons who attended the Democratic affair Sunday, the 23rd. My apologies!

Regret to report the death of Brother Carl Langeberg, a long-time member.

Two brothers suffered serious injries this past week. Roy Anderson cut the tendons in his left hand. Brother Gordon Hart was seriously injured when a generator fell from a crane and knocked him off the forms to the pavement on the job. He will be laid up for some time.

Please keep us informed if you hear of any other sickness or injury cases.

We have heard that the special General Officer Committee has completed its hearing into the affairs of Carpenters Local 2046, Martinez. I presume it will be awhile before it becomes public information.

Plans for our new building are reaching the final stages. We hope that by the middle of this month we can put out a bid call.

Haven't heard from any of our trout fishermen. Guess it's too early in the season. Let's hear from you Izaak Waltons!

This Thursday is nomination night for all your offices and delegates.

Be present and take part in your union affairs. See you at this important meeting.

Printing Specialties Union

BY FREDRICK T. SULLIVAN

The contract ratification meeting for those members employed in the envelope industry was something to behold.

The contract was ratified by a small margin.

This contract offer is acknowledged by one and all to be the best offer that we have ever received from the employers in our 29 year history of collective bargaining. In the course of the next three years, our members will benefit directly by the 52 cent an hour package. The employers compute their cost at 62½ cents per hour per employee when the hidden costs in any wage package are included.

The Negotiating Committee recommended that the proposal be accepted with a 100 per cent recommendation. These were the people that participated in the negotiations, and who heard all of the arguments presented by the union and the employers. They democratically voted upon all of the items and arived at a final position from which they would not move and which the employers finally met.

This was taken back to the membership for their ratification, and the "Monday morning quarterbacks" had a field day. They accused the Negotiating Committee of "selling them out" and other various epitaphs that were sickening to behold.

I feel that we had an outstanding committee that worked long hours away into the night to work out a good settlement. If we as a union are not going to respect the judgment of our negotiating committees, and subject them to such juvenile attacks, then people of high caliber and principles will refuse to serve on our committees, and we will all be the losers.

Carpenters Credit Union

BY PAUL HUDGINS

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Watchmakers Local 101

BY GEORGE F. ALLEN

For several weeks past, we have been reporting that Carl Tissenbaum, Executive Board member of the union and employee of Milens Jewelers in Oakland, was hospitalized at the Kaiser Hospital in that city. I allso reported in last week's column that I had visited with Brother Tissenbaum and found that he was in good spirits, however, most anxious to return to his home. So very many members have been inquiring about Carl, and are still doing so, that we are very happy to now be able to report that Carl is at home, having been released from the hospital. We join with all the members hoping that we will soon be able to report that Carl has returned to work.

Another of our members of many years has been hospitalized for surgery this past week. Brother Gilbert Tavares, clockmaker, has been confined to the Kaiser Hospital in Santa Clara. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Brother Tavares.

Brother John Bicknell has had a very memorable past month. As we reported in our very recent column, he was robbed at his place of business, 210 Post St., San Francisco. He has now sold this place of business and purchased the Alcazar Jewelers at 115 O'Farrell St., San Francisco. During the process of moving, his wife Patricia presented him with an 8 pound baby girl, whom they have named Christina. The baby was born at the Marin General Hospital on April 12. For Brother Bicknell, the bad has been balanced by the good—and we sincerely wish him every sucess in his new business venture, and much happiness with the new addition to his family.

FOR SALE: Used watch repair bench. If interested, telephone the Union Office, 421-1968.

Millmen ask unionists to help protect industry from disaster

Millmen are asking other unionists to help save the mill-cabinet industry in California by urging the State Legislature to adopt protective laws this session.

They fear the present depression in the building industry, with 25-30 per cent unemployment, aggravated by bigger better-financed invasions of cheap, out-of-state competition, has created an immediate danger that the cabinet industry in California will collapse.

The Millmen have emphasized that they do not oppose modern machinery or fair competition from other states. But they do oppose competition from shops and mills in the South, mainly non-union, where wages and working conditions are below the poverty level.

THREE BILLS

The union is urging support for three State Senate bills, sponsored by Senators Alquist, Moscone and Short:

- Senate Bill 626 would require that if the state or any political subdivision issues a proprietary (name of brand or catalog) specification for public bids, the company must be from California.
- Senate Bill 627 would require that on a public bid the state or any political subdivision would award a contract to the lowest California bidder if its bid is not more than 10 per cent above the low bid of an out-of-state firm.
- Senate Bill 628 would require as a qualification to enter a bid that a company certify it pays the "prevailing minimum wages" offered by California manufacturers of the same or a similar product. This bill is patterned after the Walsh-Healy Public Contracts Act.

Senate Bill 628 has been drafted for the mill-cabinet industry only, while the other bills would apply to all California industy.

These bills have the support of the California Labor Federation, California State Council of Carpenters and other labor and industry groups.

AFLCIO POSITION

In addition, the AFLCIO has asked Congress to stop tax exemptions for state and local government bonds where the proceeds are used to lure and finance runaway industries. The AFLCIO's 1965 convention resolution said federal law should not tolerate "this misuse of public funds for private profit."

Unionists are urged to write both their state senators and assemblymen urging passage of Senate bills 626, 627 and 628.

East Bay state senators are: Senator George Miller (Martinez), Senator Lewis Sherman (Berkeley) and Senator Nicholas Petris (Oakland). Their address is: State Capitol Building, Sacramento, Calif.

State asks death for Ben Rasnick in Green murder

The penalty trial of Ben Rasnick for the murder of Lloyd Green, financial secretary of Hayward Painters 1178, was scheduled to begin this Wednesday in Alameda County Superior Court.

Rasnick, former secretary of Painters District Council 16, was convicted by a jury last week of "master minding" Green's murder May 7, 1966. He also faces another trial for playing a similar role in the murder of Dow Wilson, leader of San Francisco Painters Local 4. Rasnick's first trial in the Wilson case resulted in a hung jury.

Deputy District Attorney Clayton Da Vega has announced he will ask for the death penalty for Rasnick in the Green case. Key factors in Rasnick's conviction were a statement implicating him by Norman Call, Sacramento painting contractor who pleaded guilty and is now serving a life sentence, and testimony by Donna Ward, who told the court she was Rasnick's mistress and that he confided he ordered the death of Green.

Green died from a shotgun blast through a window of the Hayward Corpenters Hall.

Hiram Walker big Perelli-Minetti customer: Chavez

The boycott against Perelli-Minetti took a new turn when the AFLCIO United Farm Workers Organizing Committee announced that Hiram Walker, Post and Edmont St., Peoria, Ill., is among bottlers using "scab" wine.

Hiram Walker, an industry giant, is the largest user of bulk brandy from A. Perelli-Minetti & Sons yet discovered, said Cesar Chavez, UFWOC director.

"This indicates to us," Chavez added, "that Perelli-Minetti is a lot bigger than we suspected."

UFWOC members working at Perelli-Minetti's ranch near Delano struck last September.

On Sept. 15 strikebreakers were escorted into the ranch by Teamster business agents, UFWOC said. The next day, Perelli-Minetti and the Teamsters announced that they had signed a contract on a so-called "card check," Chavez added.

This sparked the third UFWOC national boycott. The other two —against Schenley and DiGiorgio—ended with union contracts.

Chavez said Hiram Walker has been contacted at its headquarters in Peoria, but the union has received nothing substantial as an answer.

The UFWOC leader appealed to all union families to support the farm workers in their boycott. Aside from large sales to Hiram Walker, Perelli-Minetti's chief source of income is Tribuno Vermouth, he said.

Wirtz tells why common site picketing law needed

Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz appeared before a special congressional subcommittee to testify on behalf of proposed legislation allowing common site picketing by construction unions.

Wirtz said the bill would "restore to unions in the building and construction industry the right to engage in peaceful activity at a common construction site to protest sub-standard conditions maintained by any one of the construction contractors working at the very same site."

Friden strike ends, Union wins raises

Striking Metal Polishers were back at work at Friden, Inc., San Leandro, this week after winning raises totalling 16 to 24 cents an hour.

Joining the 66 members of Metal Polishers Local 128 in the return to work at the Singer Co. subsidiary were nearly 1,700 members of Machinists' lodges and other unions who had stayed away from their jobs in respect of the picket lines for three weeks.

Richard K. Groulx, executive assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, said the Metal Polishers won:

- Raises of 14 cents an hour this year and 10 cents next year for journeymen.
- Increases of eight cents each year for helpers, plus a company-paid dental plan.
- A cost-of-living adjustment April 1, 1968.
- Four week vacations after 20 years.
- An additional half day holiday.
- Coverage under their own health and welfare plan.

CONSUMER BOYCOTT ENDS

The Central Labor Council called in its informational picketing of Singer sewing machine centers. Groulx and other Labor council officials had played a leading role in helping win an acceptable settlement to end the strike.

The Machinists had won a new contract earlier.

A major reason for the strike was Friden's refusal to grant journeymen Metal Polishers the 13 cent raises they had given screw machine operators from the Machinists earlier this year.

Factory turnover

Factory labor turnover figures for February showed a further easing from last year's heavy demand for workers, with separations from payrolls exceeding additions by about 10 per cent, according to the U.S. Labor Department.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next meeting will be May 16 at 8 p.m. in Hall H of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Bus. Rep.

E. B. MUNI EMPLOYEES 390

PORT OF OAKLAND (P)
Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m., Labor Temple, Room 220.

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Thursday, May 11, 7:30 p.m., Labor Temple, Room 220.

CITY OF EL CERRITO (C)
Monday, May 15, 4:30 p.m., Corporation Yard.

CITY OF OAKLAND (F)
Wednesday, May 17, 4:45 p.m., Corporation Yard.

HIGHLAND HOSPITAL (GH)
Wednesday, May 24, 8 p.m., Labor Temple, Room 220.

FAIRMONT HOSPITAL (GF)
Thursday, May 25, 7 p.m., Day Hall.

Fraternally,
HAROLD WILSON,
Exec. Sec.

BARBERS 134

The next regular meeting of Barbers Local 134 will be held on Thursday, May 25, 1967, at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

There will be nomination and election of delegates to the State Association convention, to be held at the Crest Hotel in Anaheim Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, July 30 and 31 and Aug. 1, 1967.

I would like to congratulate Sab Carrabello, Arnie Fields and Joe Costa for their fine showing at the recent style show in San Francisco.

I extend my thanks to Joe Lopez of the Comb & Scissors Barber Shop for his very good demonstration on Hair Relaxing Style at the last union meeting. The Union Office will be closed on Monday, May 29, 1967.

Fraternally,
AL DOYLE,
Sec.-Treas.

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, May 4, at 4 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m.

Please note: When you receive your registration card for our new eye care program, why not call in and validate your registration number? It provides for free examinations and glasses are fitted to your needs at special union rates. Don't forget, too, that nominations for union officers will be held on June 1, 1967, elections on June 15.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Rec. Sec.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Executive Board meeting Thursday, May 11, 1967, 8 p.m., Local Union Office, 3315 E. 14th St., Oakland, Calif. Board of Trustees, 7 p.m. at Local Union Office.

Regular membership meeting Friday, May 26, 1967, 8 p.m., Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland, Calif.

Nominations of candidates to the offices of local union president, vice-president, recording secretary, financial secretary, treasurer, three trustees and grievance committeemen will be held at the May 26, 1967, regular membership meeting.

Fraternally,
EDWARD M. SOTO,
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RETAIL CLERKS 870

The next regular membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, at 8 p.m. at the Union Auditorium.

Fraternally,
CHARLES F. JONES,
Pres.

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

A special called meeting will be held Thursday, May 4, 1967, for a referendum vote on two propositions of the General Convention, and they are as follows: "To delete the proposed new Section 65, Pension Plan for Officers and Employees of Affiliaed Local Unions and Councils" and also to amend Section 54, Paragraph D" to delete $30 per month and to insert $15 per month.

At this special called meeting, the nominations for officers, delegates and committee members will be held.

Election of officers, delegates and committee members will be held June 1, 1967. Refreshments will be served at this meeting upon adjournment.

Please try to be in attendance at these two meetings. They will definitely affect your future and welfare.

Fraternally,
NICK AFDAMO,
Rec. Sec.

PAINT MAKERS 1101

It is with sincere regret that we notify you of the passing of Brother Buck Kemp on April 19, 1967. He joined the union April 22, 1947, and was employed by the Sherwin-Williams Co. Our sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

In accordance with Article XXIII, Section 2, of the Local Bylaws the financial secretary hereby calls for an assessment of $1 for Death Assessment No. 11, now due and payable to replenish the fund.

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on May 16, 1967, in Hall C of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

On the agenda will be the election for two delegates to attend the Western Joint Council Conference, to be held in San Mateo in June.

There will also be nominations for all offices of the union, with elections at a special meeting in June.

Once again note that a $1 assessment is now called for for the Death Benefit Fund.

Fraternally,
EDWARD MORGAN,
Bus. Rep. & Fin. Sec.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Henry Sarnasky, a member in good standing with this union, has just recently notified me by mail of the illness of his 19 year old daughter. She has had both of her kidneys removed and is now being taken care of by a mechanical kidney. On or about the end of April, Mrs. Jean Sarnasky, the mother of Patricia, is going to give her daughter one of her healthy kidneys.

Both the mother and the daughter will be needing many pints of blood. Local 216 is urgently requesting any of our members who can to contribute a pint of blood for Patricia Long, the daughter.

Patricia is not eligible to receive any blood from our blood bank as she is over 19 years of age.

The blood should be credited to Patricia Long, Room 1003, Merritt Hospital, San Francisco.

We would be very thankful for contributions from members of other unions.

Notice to members affiliated with the Tri-State Council Death Benefit Fund: Death Assessment No. 597 is now due and payable.

Fraternally,
ELIAS L. ARELLANO,
Bus. Mgr.

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 678

Meeting second Thursday of each month at 8 p.m., Cannery Workers Hall, 492 C St., Hayward.

Fraternally,
AL CHASMAR
Sec.

EBMUD EMPLOYEES 444

The Executive Board of EBMUD 444, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, will hold its next meeting on May 4 at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

The membership will meet on May 11 at 7:30 p.m. sharp. President Manuel Pontes will give a full report on the constitutional convention of California Council 49, which he and Brother Jim Hendrix attended at Los Angeles. All members are urged to attend

Fraternally,
CHARLES E. TEIXEIRA,
Sec. Treas.

BUILDING SERVICE 18

Meeting date fourth Friday of each month. Regular meeting at 7 p.m. at the Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster St., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
VICTOR C. BRANDT,
Sec.-Bus. Rep.

MILLMEN'S 550

The next regular meeting of Millmen's Union 550 will be held on Friday, May 19, 1967, Hall C, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

In compliance with Section 31 of the Constitution and Laws of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, the nomination of officers and committeemen shall take place at this meeting May 19, 1967.

To be eligible to be nominated for an officer or committeeman, a member must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be a member of this union for the past year, and must have been in good standing for the past twelve (12) months.

2. Must be a member of the Brotherhood for at least three (3) years.

3. Must be a citizen of this country for at least three (3) years.

4. Must be present at time of nomination.

5. Must be a journeyman either working at or depending on the trade for a livelihood or employed by the organization.

The election of officers and committeemen will be held at our regular meeting to be held on Friday, June 16, 1967.

Authorized under Section 45 of the Constitution and Laws of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, there will be a charge of $1 (one dollar) for every delinquent notice mailed out by the financial secretary. This means that a member must have his payment in this office by the 15th of the month to avoid this charge.

Members are reminded that they have to register each week to be on the out-of-work list. This can be done by either coming to the office or by telephone.

Fraternally,
GEO. H. JOHNSON,
Fin. Sec.

AFSCME, U.C. LOCAL 371

Our next regular meeting will be held May 13, 1967 in 160 Kroeber Hall at 2 p.m. The Executive Board will meet at 12 noon. These meetings will definitely affect your future and your welfare, and they are held on the second Saturady of each month; so try to keep this date free to attend and participate, even if only by your presence. Thank all of you who were at the last meeting. It shows you are interested in your welfare, and your officers appreciate your attendance.

Fraternally,
W. G. WHITCOMBE,
Sec.-Treas.

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge 1546 are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our building at 10269 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

Fraternally,
DON CROSSMAN,
Rec. Sec.

CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

A special nomination meeting will be held Friday, May 12, 1967, at 8 p.m. in Hall H in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
MEL TOMPKINS,
Sec.-Treas.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES 1675

Regular membership and Executive Board meetings of Alameda County units of Public Employees Union, Local 1675, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, are held as follows:

HAYWARD UNIFIED SCHOOLS
Meets at 10 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month in the maintenance yard of the school district, 24400 Amador St.

E.B. REGIONAL PARKS
Meets at 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the Alameda County Labor Temple.

OAKLAND RECREATION DEPT.
Meets at 10 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month at Brookfield Village.

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOLS
Meets at 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month in the cafetorium of Encinal School.

FREMONT SCHOOLS
Meets at 2 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month at Blacow School.

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOLS
Meets at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at Woodrow Wilson School. The Executive Board of the unit meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Bancroft Junior High School.

BERKELEY SCHOOLS
Meets at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at Whittier School. Executive Board meetings are held at Whittier School at 9:30 a.m. on the morning of the membership meeting.

Fraternally,
HENRY L. CLARKE,
Bus. Mgr.

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held on the first and third Thursday at 8 p.m. at 761 12th St., Oakland, Calif.

In compliance with Section 31 of the Constitution and Laws of the Carpenters and Joiners of America, a special called meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 1967, for the nomination of all officers and delegates of Carpenters Local Union 36. The meeting will be held at 761 12th St., Oakland, Calif.

You will please note that the election of all officers and delegates will be held on Friday, June 16, 1967, at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th St., Oakland, Calif., with the polls open from 12 noon to 10 p.m. By this time, all construction jobs will be shut down at noon, and this should give all Carpenters a good chance to cast their votes for the officers and delegates of their choice.

Please remember the date, Friday, June 16, 1967, with the polls open from noon to 10 p.m.

Authorized under Section 45, Paragraph D, of the Constitution and Laws, there will be a charge of $1 (one dollar) for every delinquent notice mailed out by the financial secretary. This means you must send in your payment before the 10th of each month to avoid this charge.

Fraternally,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Rec. Sec.

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

The Office of the Financial Secretary is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays; from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays.

Section 2 of our Local Union Bylaws has been amended to read: "Carpenters Local Union 1622 will hold their regular meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month."

Our social event will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month following our regular meeting.

At our meeting of Thursday, May 11, 1967, nominations and election will be held for four delegates to represent Carpenters Local Union 1622 at the Eighth District Organizing and Education Second Annual Conference May 16-17, 1967, at Los Angeles.

Nominations for officers, business representatives and assistant business representatives and committee members will be held at the meeting of Thursday, May 11, 1967.

Election of officers, business representative and assistant business representatives and committee members will take place Saturday, June 10, 1967, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fraternally,
A. M. RICE,
Rec. Sec.

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The regular meeting of Oakland Unified School Employees 257 will be held at 1918 Grove St., Oakland, Saturday, May 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the upstairs hall.

The Executive Board will meet at 8 a.m.

Members, please take note.

Fraternally,
HAROLD BENNER
Exec. Sec.

CARPENTERS 642

Regular meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month at Carpenters Hall, 242 11th St., Richmond.

Fraternally,
MARVIN MARTIN,
Fin. Secretary

RUBBER WORKERS 64

Regular meetings will be held on the second Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Auto Workers Hall, 1406 Seminary Ave., Oakland.

Executive Board meetings will be held at 5 p.m. at the Union Office, 1638 E. 14th St., Oakland.

The shop stewards' meeting will be held at 5 o'clock at the same address.

Fraternally,
JOHN M. WETZLER,
Sec.

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 382

Meeting second Friday of the month at 8 p.m., 2267 Telegraph Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,
JOHN FERRO,
Secty.

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 677

Meeting second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m., American Helenic Center, 342 37th St., Richmond.

Fraternally,
TOM WILKINS,
Secty.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES 3

General membership meeting Hall C, Labor Temple 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, the fourth Friday of the month, 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
JOAN WILSON,
Bus. Rep.

SHIPWRIGHTS 1149

Regular meetings of Local Union No. 1149 will be held at 8 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 2085 Third St., San Francisco, and the third Monday of each month at 115 Broadway, Oakland.

The regular union meeting scheduled for Monday, May 15, 1967, will be a special called meeting for the purpose of nominating officers and delegates for the next term.

Monday, June 19, 1967, the polls will be open at 2085 Third St., San Francisco, and 115 Broadway, Oakland, from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the election of officers and delegates.

Fraternally,
JAMES ALLAN,
Rec. Sec.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland.

Nominations of candidates to the offices of local union president, vice-president, recording secretary, treasurer, guide, guard and three trustees. Also grievance committeemen.

Nominations will be held at the May 13 regular meeting.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. McINTOSH,
Rec. Sec.

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Carpenters Local No. 194 meets each first and third Monday evenings of the month at 8 p.m. The meeting place is the Veterans Memorial Building, 2201 Central Ave., Alameda.

Refreshments are served following the first meeting of the month in the canteen for all present. You are urged to attend your local's meeting.

Fraternally,
J. W. NIXON,
Rec. Sec.

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Medical inflation & the public trough (for MDs)

All Americans are guaranteed free education, and we have made great strides toward raising the quality of this education through federal aid to areas which could not afford it themselves. We have also recognized that the cleanliness of the air we breathe and the purity of the water we drink is a national concern. And there are many other rights and guarantees which apply to all who live in our prosperous land without regard to social or economic status, not to mention race, national origin or religious beliefs.

But even though health is obviously a national concern, health care is guaranteed only to certain groups. And these groups—the aged and the indigent—have enjoyed guaranteed quality health care for only about a year. In large part, the long time it took to obtain Medicare and Medicaid (known in California as Medi-Cal) was due to the well-financed and organized opposition from the American Medical Association. And the AMA's political influence is the main reason we don't have free health care for all now, as they do in most of Western Europe. It is also why the limited health care programs available have been approved with the fee system intact, thus protecting the right of medical practitioners to charge all the market will bear.

Increasing numbers of doctors are freeloading at the public trough they once decried, now that Medicare is in force.

This is clearly shown b yfigures published in the April 15 issue of The New Republic, taken from Medical Economics, the chief journal devoted to doctors' incomes and financial practices. These figures are from a national sample of 3,195 general practitioners and internists. Since Medicare began, the median fee of general practitioners for the key category of office revisits (follow-up visits after the first one) has jumped 25 per cent. The internists' median fee is up 40 per cent. But the office charges of pediatricians—who treat the young, and not Medicare patients—have remained unchanged. Their median fee is still $5.

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The Reagan Administration and the State Assembly and Senate are currently engaged in a game of political football with the Medi-Cal program. The key issue is—again—rising doctors' fees.

Also threatening to end or curtail this vital and relatively new service to hundreds of thousands who need it are:

- Governor Reagan's attempts to perform feats of political brinkmanship with state budget items.
- Efforts by both state and powerful county governments to trim costs, and
- Frictions between various factions in the Legislature, who are more jumpy because of the uncertainty of political futures in Sacramento.

Everybody seems to be well-organized (and grabbing) except the guy who needs it most—in this case, the unorganized poor in California. And you can guess who will probably lose in this titanic struggle.

How'd you like a 50% raise?

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. wants rate increases in California which would raise its revenues after taxes by over 50 per cent.

What union wouldn't be happy with a 50 per cent raise for its members?

What union leader would be crazy enough to ask for such an increase from his employers, or suggest it to his members for that matter?

Such a request by a union would be pilloried in the press, inveighed against by President Johnson and legislated against by Congress.

Yet, thanks to Governor Reagan's appointments, the Public Utilities Commission may very well grant all or part of what PT&T is asking. It'll cost us phone users 50 per cent more. But we won't get 50 per cent wage increases to pay for it. Neither will be people who work for PT&T.

He needs vocational guidance

You'd have expected it of Ronald Reagan when he was still just a candidate. But this statement by him was quoted in the Feb. 19 Washington Post:

"Government is still the greatest threat to freedom in our lives."

Why doesn't he go into a nicer line of work then? Like acting or emceeing on television? He'd do better at something he likes!

"Don't Bobble This One, Bud!"



'REAGAN PAYING OFF DEBTS TO EXTREMISTS'

Governor Reagan "has moved quickly to pay off his committments" to the right-wing.

This charge was documented in a letter received by Machinists' lodges throughout the state two weeks ago from E. R. White, general vice-president of their unions.

White said:

"Last year, when Ronald Reagan was nominated as the Republican candidate for governor, I warned that if he were elected he would continue to carry the banner of the right-wing—the extremists whose primary goal is to shackle the trade union movement.

"Wasting no time, the darling of the right-wing conservatives has moved quickly to pay off his committments."

Taking first things first, White said, Reagan promptly appointed extremists to run key state departments.

The governor made his "second payoff move" April 6 when he dropped into the legislative Hopper Assembly Bill 1709, said White, who called the bill "a blockbuster of major significance."

White charged:

"Under the guise of 'granting to union members the right of a secret ballot' — a right we, in the IAM, have enjoyed for 79 years—he has mounted a massive legislative attack against us, an attack that has one primary aim—to keep labor off balance and on the defensive."

White continued:

"Here, then, are a few of the 'key' men who are insuring that the extremist philosophy is the way of life in Sacramento:

"• WILLIAM C. HERN, Labor Commissioner.

This man for many years, negotiated labor contracts for management. And to put frosting on the cake, he opposed wage claims filed by workers with the office of the Labor Commissioner, the very job he now holds.

"• FREDERICK P. MORRISEY, Public Utilities Commissioner.

"This man, who now helps fix the rates charged the consumer by utilities, has been a paid spokesman for the Pacific Telephone Company. Time and again he has appeared before the Commission to plead for higher telephone rates. Now he denies there is any conflict of interest in voting on a pending rate application by the telephone company.

"• BURTON E. SMITH, Real Estate Commissioner.

"This man, a real estate operator and former president of the California Real Estate Association, is active in the fight to invalidate the fair housing Rumford Act, the very law he is charged with administering.

"• DR. PRESTON MARTIN, Savings and Loan Commissioner.

"This man has been active in the Savings & Loan Industry for many years. It is the opinion of many in the industry that he will favor the old, large Savings & Loan institutions by refusing to grant charters to small, newly organized groups.

"• WILLIAM H. TOLBERT, Deputy Director of the Farm Labor Service.

"This man helped set up the first bracero program. He is dedicated to importing cheap Mexican labor to work the farms.

"• JOHN C. MONTGOMERY, Director, Department of Social Welfare.

"This man, as a Ventura County supervisor, voted for ultra conservative interests. As a devout conservative he will use the axe to hack away at the meager benefits now being received by the old, the poor and the blind."

White added:

"We all know that far too many voted for Reagan because they wanted 'a change.' But the 'change' is frightening to those of us who keep a close tab on the maneuvers of the extremists."

White warned that if Assembly Bill 1709 becomes law, "it will make Landrum-Griffin look pro-labor."

100 years off

Representative Elmer Holland (D.-Pa.) thinks that House GOP Leader Gerald Ford's "Solutions for the Seventies" might do—if they were meant for the 1870s. Said Holland:

"We can always turn to the latest Republican effort to come up with a new image, secure in the knowledge that the brand-new, shiny, refurbished, dust-proof large-economy-size polyunsaturated, filter-tipped, transistorized, fluoridated, mentholated, automated Republican image is the same old Republican image we have known and tried to love all these years." — **S. Calif. Teamster.**

Comforting?

Ex-Nazi Kurt Georg Kiesinger has been chosen to succeed Ludwig Erhard. However, he was chosen democratically, which seems to be a comfort. Until you really begin to think about it.— **Punch.**

OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . . We Run 'Em!

A DIFFERING VIEW OF MINE MILL CASE

Editor, Labor Journal:

In reading your editorial for March 31 in the East Bay Labor Journal, I find much bias and agitation against the conservative. Your attack on the late Senator Joe McCarthy as being a purger is most certainly unjustifiable.

This era of "McCarthyism" was a time when many communist leaders and sympathizers were being revealed to the public as public record. There was certainly no purging of decent, law-abiding citizens, only those who would favor a socialist-communist world and were actively engaged in such were brought before the Senate subcommittees. It was during this time that men like Alger Hiss and his compatriots were brought to trial for their subversion. It certainly is most necessary for public servants, government or union, to question the ability of our leaders as to their ideologies, in performing their duties for the general welfare of the public. Senator McCarthy was only one of these public servants, taking a good part of his time and energies to investigate into the past and present sympathies of these public servants. Ex-Vice President Nixon was then on a Senate subcommittee holding hearings on the infiltration of communists and sympathizers into unions and government. Many ex-communists and counter-agents have only substantiated what the late Senator McCarthy dug up, and continue to do so.

In view of all the revealings, it was decided by Congress to have non-communist affidavits signed by those who were entrusted with the public leadership. As in the case of the officials of Mine-Mill and Smelter Union, their failure to comply was in direct violation of court orders. Also various members had been identified from reliable sources as having achieved an office in the unions for the sole purpose of subversion in the name of the Communist Party of the U.S. During this "purge," the union mentioned was expelled from the AFLCIO, along with other unions who were deemed infiltrated to the extent as to threaten national security.

I am certain that you and the unions are interested in keeping national security, and the elimination of elements subverting to destroy our free life. In doing so, certain rules must be followed and obeyed — no exceptions.

The attack on Christian conservatives attempting to force the tide of collectivism back is unwarranted. In combatting the subversion of Red agents into unions and our everyday life, it is everybody's job and obligation.

Facts are facts. Nothing was done illegally or unwarranted to the MMS union. The failure to comply with the law was only a guilt complex, it would seem, because then they could be tried for the violation of the Subversion Act and not stand on the Fifth Amendment, as so many have in the past.

Their dismissal was only a flagrant abuse of the people's right to see justice done of others who desire to take away these rights. In writing, I would like to make one point: that is that there is a difference between extremism and good sound conservative judgment. Lately this extremism has been labeled on anyone not agreeing with the liberal establishment.

RAYMOND D. HUCKINS,
Member, Retail Clerks 870

Pitts: cross-filing would bring 'institutionalized confusion'

A return to cross-filing in California would mean a return to "institutionalized confusion," according to Secretary-Treasurer Thomas L. Pitts of the California Labor Federation.

Pitts made the statement in testimony before the Assembly Elections and Reapportionment Committee.

He said a cross-filing bill (A.B. 174) "would deprive the people of California of a meaningful political dialogue between candidates, parties and issues."

Cross-filing existed in California from 1913 to 1959. It was repealed during the first year of Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown's administration.

Candidates could file for the nomination of the opposing party, as well as their own in the primary.

This gave a built-in advantage to incumbents and well-financed candidates and often denied voters in the general election a representative choice between two major political parties.

Asserting that the revival of this issue "is in itself somewhat disheartening," Pitts declared that enactment of A.B. 174 "would, in many cases, allow a minority of the voters to select state officials while making sure that the traditionally much greater turnout of voters at a general election would have much less to say."

He also cited a number of political science textbooks that deplored cross-filing as a threat to the nation's traditional concepts of democracy.

Pitts declared:

"When cross-filing was allowed, its record was clear. Issues were blurred, meaningful dialogue dismissed, party platforms and policies circumvented, and the voters were deprived of the opportunity to make a well-informed choice at the polls."

Carpenters' health plan changeover ends May 15

Carpenters wishing to change their health and welfare coverage from Blue Cross to Kaiser, or vice versa, must so do before May 15 at the Fund Office.

Those wishing to change must do so by that date or wait approximately a year for the next changeover period.

Important notice for members of Bldg. Service 18

Victor C. Brandt, secretary-business representative of Building Service Employees 18, has issued an important notice for all members of that local union.

Following is the full text of the notice as it was announced by Secretary-Business Representative Brandt this week:

"The General President of Building Service Employees' International Union has carefully considered the Constitution and Bylaws of Local 18 and recommends certain revisions and modifications in order to conform to the Constitution and Bylaws of the International Union.

TO BE SUBMITTED

"Therefore, notice is hereby given that these recommended changes will be submitted to the Executive Committee at their next meeting on May 25, 1967, for recommendation at the next regular meeting of the union on May 26, 1967. The second reading and voting will take place at the general membership meeting of June 23, 1967. This is in accordance with the requirements of Article XII of our Constitution and Bylaws."

Ash successor to be elected by Labor Council on June 5

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a meeting open to all union members to organize labor opposition to the war in Vietnam and to develop a program of education and action on achieving peace.

Officials of 13 unions were revealed as sponsors, Ash said, but he added that the local union members and the names of the individuals were omitted. As a result, it was impossible to tell from the communication whether the meeting had any support from East Bay union leaders, Ash pointed out.

The meeting will be held at the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Hall, 26 Seventh St., San Francisco, at 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday. The Central Labor Council referred the notice to its Executive Board with an order to invite a representative of the group to attend and explain.

The announcement said the 25 individuals involved had applied for a charter to establish a trade union division of the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy (SANE).

BRITISH UNIONIST

Also received was a letter from the Bay Area Chapter of the Industrial Relations Research Association and the University of California Institute of Industrial Relations, announcing a luncheon honoring Frank Cousins, British trade union leader, at noon next Thursday at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, San Francisco.

Cousins, who will speak, is general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, the largest union in the world, and until recently was Minister of Technology in Prime Minister Wilson's cabinet.

NEW AFFILIATE

The council voted to accept University of California Clerical, Technical and Professional Employees 1695 as a new affiliate.

LABOR COMMISSION

It received a complaint from Electrical Workers 202 on a new policy of Governor Reagan's labor commissioner that no complaint will be heard until all union grievance procedures are exhausted.

The council will confer with the California Labor Federation on ways to oppose the policy.

RAIL UNIONS

In another action, the council pledged support to railroad unions in combatting compulsory arbitration legislation in Congress and authorized the Executive Secretary-Treasurer's Office to take any steps necessary to carry out the directive.

'Recession prevented'

President Johnson's release of $1 billion in frozen U. S. Highway funds and $146 million for other public works, as well as lowering of the discount rate by the Federal Reserve Board, were praised as preventing "a possible recession" by AFLCIO Research Director Nathaniel Goldfinger.

Guidelines to aid Negro apprentices

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submitted to the apprenticeship administrator, including methods for handling applications and notifying applicants of acceptance or rejection.

• Require that apprenticeship requirements be specified, including age limits, formal education, physical examination if any, testing and interviewing procedures, names and types of tests used, procedures and topics for oral interviews, weight given tests and interviews, notification procedures, and procedures for assigning experienced applicants to apprentice wage rates higher than the beginning rate.

The CAC will allow local joint apprenticeship committees to have residence requirements for apprentices if they are the same as requirements for journeymen.

Local JACs will be permitted to require applicants to furnish "pertinent information," such as birth certificates and racial origin in view of federal policies specifying apprenticeship counts by race and national origin.

Tests cannot include material unless it is pertinent to the trade. Also outlawed are questions to test specific job skills and knowledge which are part of the apprenticeship program for which application is being made.

Apprenticeship committees can, however, numerically rate apprenticeship applicants on the basis of their educational qualifications in excess of minimum requirements for admission to a program.

Consideration of standardized selection procedures for on-the-job training for journeymen, as well as other state OJT programs, was delayed until the council's next quarterly meeting, scheduled for Santa Monica in July.

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